

OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**HEALTHCARE INFORMATION DIVISION****PATIENT DISCHARGE DATA SECTION**

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Sample

Letter sent to all hospitals and their designated agents

Facility ID #:

January 1 through June 30, 2001 Reporting Period

Proposed Due Date: March 31, 2002**DISCHARGE DATA NOTICE**

The Office of Statewide Planning and Development (OSHPD) is currently developing comprehensive system enhancements to better support the healthcare needs of the State of California through the Medical Information Reporting for California (MIRCal) on-line reporting system. We estimate that the system will be ready in January 2002. We are therefore proposing regulatory changes to delay the due dates for 2001 data. The proposed due date for January 1 through June 30, 2001 data is March 31, 2002.

The proposed regulation package is in draft stage and will be released for public comments soon. At that time, information will be posted on our website and hospitals and interested parties will be notified by mail.

The proposed input record layout for on-line data reported via HTTPS file transfer, through the MIRCal system, is the same as the Office's current input record layout. The input file format will be identical to the current format for diskettes and CD's (including the carriage control/line feed between each record). Those hospitals currently submitting data via magnetic reel or cartridge tape will need to make minor modifications to the overall file format for on-line submission. In addition to submission via HTTPS file transfer, facilities will have the option to manually enter and submit their records via a "web entry" function when the MIRCal system becomes available.

If you need to submit data prior to the MIRCal system being available, contact us as soon as possible to discuss reporting options.

If you have any questions, please visit the MIRCal link of the OSHPD Health Information Division webpage at: www.oshpd.state.ca.us/hid/ or call me at (916) 324-2705.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robyn Strong'.

Robyn Strong, Analyst
Report Status Coordinator

cc: «Abstractor_Name»Designated Agent